

Huntley-Brinkley Report

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Washington, D. C.

DAVID BRINKLEY WAS SEEN ON THE TV SCREEN.

BRINKLEY: "One of two Canadians tried in Havana last week on spy charges, flew home to Montreal today. The trial of the two men was filmed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Here is CBS reporter Tom Gould who was there."

TOM GOULD: "The key figure in the trial was Ronald Patrick Lippert, a 31-year old high-living flier of fortune who sold a group of Canadian business men on a plan to fly food parcels into Havana from Toronto. The second Canadian, William Mill, another pilot, flew from Miami to Havana with Lippert in a Piper Aztec aircraft several times during negotiations with Cuban authorities. His mistake was in not knowing that Lippert was in the pay of the CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY."

"Magda (Portobravo?) a relative of Lippert's Cuban wife, was arrested when Cuban security police discovered her home had been used as a transfer point for explosives smuggled through Cuban customs by Lippert. The trial was held last week-end at Cabana Fortress, one of the outworks of Havana's ancient Morro Castle. The Cuban authorities opened the trial to newsmen. They said they wanted to demonstrate the fairness of revolutionary justice."

FILM CLIPS OF THE TRIAL WERE SHOWN.

"Lippert, was seated a few feet away from the evidence--18 five-pound cans, labeled 'Simone papaya juice.' They contained hand grenades, magnetic mines, and explosive pencils wrapped in foam rubber. The defendants were allowed counsel but they spent most of their time congratulating the prosecutor. The lawyer who represented Lippert didn't have much of a chance. His client had made a deal with Cuban security police and confessed, in an effort to save himself from one of Fidel Castro's efficient firing squads."

MR. LIPPERT WAS SEEN TESTIFYING, AND HIS WORDS
WERE TRANSLATED INTO SPANISH FOR THE COURT.

LIPPERT: "...intent or the contents of the explosives, and I did not realize the seriousness or even what was in the cans until the one was opened in Customs, at which time the magnitude of the act...I realized."

GOULD: "Prosecutor Carlos (Abet?), having made his point with the smuggled explosives, felt free to devote over an hour of his summation to an attack on the United States."

THE PROSECUTOR WAS SEEN ON THE TV SCREEN, AS HE SPOKE.

ABET: "The history of our country is a constant history of American aggression, against the people of our country...against the interests of the people of our country..."